Doctor-population ratio

1129. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of doctor to population is below the ratio maintained in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the ratio;

(c) whether migration of doctors to foreign countries is one of the reasons; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to discourage brain-drain of doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) As per the Medical Council of India, the allopathic doctor-population ratio at present works out to 1:1722. In addition, there are more than 6 lakhs practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in the country. Taking all these numbers together, the doctor-population ratio comes to more than 128 doctors per lakh population (1: 781). There are 262 Medical Colleges with annual intake of around 29,500 students. As existing in other professions, even in medical sector, some doctors resort to migration abroad for improvement in one's prospects for professional, academic and financial considerations, which is a common feature in a number of countries.

E-tendering for supply of medicines

†1130. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inviting of tender through E-tendering have been started from registered traders for supply of medicines in district hospitals;

(b) whether the said process has been found successful;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the efforts being made to ensure timely supply of medicines in district hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to consider introduction of E-tendering for supply of medicines in district hospitals and ensure timely supply of medicines in district hospitals.

Declining female population

1131. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of females has reached at alarming position in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the report for the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that uftra sound test of uterus is also increased in the country though it was banned by Government; and

(d) what precautionary steps Government have taken or proposed to be taken against this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Sex Ratio in Maharashtra declined from 934 in 1991 to 922 in 2001. The Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) declined from 946 to 913. State/UT wise Sex Ratio and Child Sex Ratio during 1991 & 2001 is annexed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The number of units registered in the country are 29831 as on 31.10.06. The number of court/police cases filed in the country under the Act are 417 as on 31.10.06.

(d) Government has been issuing directions from time to time to the States and Union Territories to strictly implement PC&PNDT Act and the Supreme Court Directions in this regard. The State/UTs have been requested to set up State Inspection and Monitoring Committees.

National Inspection and Monitoring Committee, which includes representatives from National Commission for Women, Department of